(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. the Central Government has sanctioned construction of 2000 Rural Woikshed-c um-Houses to Government of Orissa for super cyclone
affected area and an advance of Rs. 180.00 lakhs has been released. Funds would be made available upon receipt of viable proposals from the State Government.

Constitutian of Aflomaltes Committee

4114 SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that upgnidation of pay scales of Assistant Director (Handicrafts) and of Handicrafts Promotion Officer is under the consideration of Government and for that purpose anomalies committee has bees constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by whai the committee will submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEEN. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An anomalles committee to consider the upgradation of various cadres in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles including the cadre of Assistant Director (Handioafts) and thet of Handicrafts Promotion Officers has been Constituted by the Ministry of Textiles under the Chairmanship of Jt. Secretarr ' (Admn), Ministry of Textiles.

The upgradation of pay scales are under active consideration of the Government. However, it is not possible lo indicate a definite time frame for the Committee to submit its report. Efforts are being made to settle the matter expeditiously.

Upgradation of Investment and Technology in Sericulture Sector

4115. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board has formulated schemes to rope in corporate into the sericulture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to bring Silk into OGL category;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures proposed by Government to upgrade investment and technology into sericulture sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Central Silk Board (CSB) has formulated a number of schemes to encourage individual entrepreneurs or companies to take-up sericulture related activities. A list of such schemes is enclosed in Statement-I. *(See* below)

(c) to (e) In the EXIM policy announced on 31-03-2000 the import of silk has been placed under SIL with the condition that the CIF (Cost, Insurance and Freight) value of the surrendered SIL shall be five times the CEF value of the imported goods. However, as per international obligations quantitative restrictions are to be phased out by 31 -3 -2001.

(f) Thirty six Catalytic Developmental Schemes (CDS) being implemented under the DC Plan in different States are aimed at not only investment generation and technology absorption but also quality upgradation and productivity improvement. A list of these schemes is in Statement-II *{See* below). Popularising of bivoltine sericulture is being taken up with technical assistance of the Japanese for improving productivity and quality of silk. Investment in sericultural development is being made under the following externally assisted projects:—

1. Manipur Sericulture project

The Govemment of Manipur is implementing Manipur Sericulture project with fmancial assistance from Japanese Bank of Intemational Cooperation (JBIC) for development of mulberry and erisericulture sector in two phases, at an outlay of Rs. 134.51 crore over a period of 1998—2005.

2. Madhya Pradesh Sericulture Project

The Govemment of Madhya Pradesh is implementing a Madhya Pradesh Sericulture project with fmancial assistance from Japanese Bank of Intemational Cooperation (JBIC) for development of both tasar and mulberry sericulture with an outlay of Rs. 117.10 crore over a period of 1998—2005.

3. SERI-2000

Under an agreement entered into with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), SERI-2000 programme between 1997—2002 at an outlay of Rs. 12.5 million Swiss Francs is being implemented. The programme covers projects both in public and private sector in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

STATEMENT-I

List of Schemes for direct assistance to Industry

(Rs. in crores)

s. No.	Name of Scheme	Approved allocation for IX Plan
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Scheme for increasing quality raw silk production by promoting use of multi-end reeling units	11.70
2.	Installation of Common facility Centre for handlooi.i silk processing	4.89
3.	Enterprise Development programmes	0.60
4.	Creation of Growth Centres for production of Quality Silk	2.80
5.	Support for Quality Enhancement for the Silk Sector	3.00
6.	Support to reeling Units	4.00
7.	Demonstration of Backward Integration in Reeling Sector	4.50
8.	Promotion of Resource Conservation Technology through Economic Ovens	1.30
9.	By-product use Development Projects	1.00
10.	Assistance to ISEPC for the Project on Silk Fashion Garments	0.16
11.	Master Reeler Assistance to States	0.60
12.	Support to Agencies (NGOs/Co-operative societies)	1.07

(1)	(2)	(3)
	for Upgradatlon and Popularisation of improved reeling/Spinning Devices for Tropical Tasar	
13.	Support to Agencies (NGOs/Co-operative Societies) for upgradation and popularisation of improved Eri Spinning Devices	2.04
14.	Support to Agencies (NGOs/Co-operative societies) for Popularisation of Improved Reeling/Spinning Devices for Muga	1.37
15.	Support for installation of quality linked cocoon purchase systems in non-traditional States	3.60
16.	Support for installation of quality liniicd yam purchase systems	4.50

STATEMENT-II

List of Catalytic Developmental Schemes Sanctioned by Govt, of India for Implementation in the States During IX Plan and Approved Allocation

(Rs. in crores)

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Approved allocation for IX Plan
	(i) Catalytic Developmental Assistance to Industry	
1.	Schemes for increasing quality raw silk production by promoting use of mulliend reeling units.	11.70
2.	Installation of Common Facility Centres for hand-loom silk processing.	4.89
3.	Enterprise Development Programmes.	0.60
4.	Creation of Growth Centres for Production of Quality Silk.	2.80
5.	Support for Quality Enlianccment for the Silk Sector.	3.00

(1)	(2)	(3)
6.	Support to Reeling Units.	4.00
7.	Demonstration of Backward Integration in the Reeling Sector.	4.50
8.	Promotion of Resource Conservation Technology Through Economic Ovens.	1.30
9.	By-product Use Development Projects.	1.00
10.	Assistance to ISEPC for the Proj]ect on Silk Fashion Garments.	0.16
	Total for Catalytic Developmental Assistance to Industry: (i)	33.95
(n)	*Catalytic Developmental Assistance to States*	
A	Mulberry	
11.	Creation of improved mulberry variety banks in states	1.50
12.	On farm training and supply of start up tools to new mulberry sericulturists	4.38
13.	Support for equipment upgradation of existing State/ Parastatal/Parastatal/Co-operative infrastructure in seed an reeling innon traditional in non-traditional States.	3.60
14.	Promotion of resource conservation technologies through Drip Irrigation.	9.00
15.	Master reeler assistance to states.	0.60
16.	Crop insurance support for mulbery	0.30
	Sub-total for Mulberry	19.38
B	Tasar	
17.	Support to states for upgradation of seed multiplication infrastructius.	1.10

(1)	(2)	(3)
18.	Support to agencies (NGOs/Co-operative societies) for upgradation and popularisation of improved reeling/ spinning devices for tropical tasar.	1.07
19.	Crop insurance support for tasar.	0.15
	SUB-TOTAL FOR TASAR	2.32
C	Eri	
20.	Demonstration of systematic plantation in eri food plant with training and supply of start up tools.	0.58
21.	Support to States for upgradation of seed multiplication infrastructure.	1.00
22.	Support to agencies (NGOs/Co-operative Societies) for upgradation and popularisation of improved eri spinning devices.	2.04
	SUB-TOTAL FOR ERI	3.62
D	Muga	
23.	Augmentation of muga food plants.	2.30
24.	Providing training and start up tools to farmers to practice muga culture.	0.89
25.	Support to States for upgradation of seed multiplication infrastructure.	1.28
26.	Pilot scheme for support to private graineurs for production of quality muga seed.	0.07
27.	Support to agencies (NGOs/Co-operative Societies) for popularisation of improved reeling/spinning devices for Muga.	1.37
28.	Crop insurance support for muga.	0.09
	SuB-TOtAL FOR MUGA	6.00

(1)	(2)	(3)
E	General	
29	Support for institutionalising supply of quality disinfection materials.	4.00
30.	Support for installation of quality linked cocoon purchase systems in non traditional States.	3.60
31.	Support for installation of quality linked yam purchase systems.	4.50
32.	Support forpre-reeling productivity improvement measures of a demonstrative kind adopted by States.	4.20
33.	Support for Studies, Consultancies and Surveys.	1.15
34.	Support for data base development.	3.10
35.	Support for preparation of extension & publicity material in local languages	1.15
36.	Support for Product Development, Diversification and Buyer Awareness programmes.	2.30
	SUB-TOTAL FOR GENERAL	24.00
	TOTAL FOR CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES : (II)	55.32
	TOTAL FOR CDS FOR INDUSTRY & STATES : (i) + (ii)	89.27

Funds for JCI

4116. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whetlier it is a fact that Jute Coiporation of India is facing a financial crunch due to non-receipt of money from NJMC/Govemment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and